

W. R. R. POTTER**Obituary Note**

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The death of Mr. W. R. R. Potter occurred in a sanitarium at Pasadena, California, February 8, 1939. He had been in failing health due to heart trouble the past few years. Mr. Potter was a former member of the Hawaiian Entomological Society, 1909-1921, at which time he was the Illustrator at the Experiment Station, H.S.P.A. He served as President of the Entomological Society for the year 1917. During his membership he assisted the Editor with the illustrative work in the Proceedings.

Mr. Potter began his career in art work quite early in life, having worked in Cincinnati, Ohio, with Moran, the famous panorama painter. Later, he was occupied with ranching in South Africa, and became involved in the Boer war, taking part on the British side. Was wounded, and, on recuperating, engaged in illustrative work for the government at Cape Town. This was soon given up, and he migrated to New Zealand, where he was employed on a sheep ranch for a time. He came from there to Hawaii about 35 years ago, and at first worked with Mr. Byron O. Clark in the early pioneering days of the pineapple industry at Wahiawa, Oahu. This was not for long, however, for he was soon back at art work, being Illustrator at the Paradise of the Pacific Publishing Co., where the Editor of the Proceedings of the Hawaiian Entomological Society first met him while the Proceedings was being printed at that place.

When Mr. W. E. Chambers, who had been the Illustrator at the Experiment Station, H.S.P.A., left to go to Washington, D. C., with Dr. N. A. Cobb, Mr. Potter was engaged as his successor at the Experiment Station. The numerous illustrations in the Hawaiian Planters' Record, and in the Station Bulletins, as well as numerous colored paintings about the station buildings are evidence of his proficiency in his chosen profession.

Since 1921, Mr. Potter has been engaged in art work of various kinds in California, residing at various places, as: Mill Valley, Nevada City, Los Gatos, Altadena and Pasadena. He was about 72 years old at the time of his death. He is survived by his widow and son Robert.